



Vanke (B): Moving Forward

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Richard Wagamese

- The author of Indian horse
- Born 1955 on the Dalles Reserve near Kenora, Ontario, he is an author and journalist from the Ojibway Wabasseemoong First Nation community
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Role of Literature in Healing

- Richard Wagamese's writing qualifies as an act of courage, people are terrified to address the historical wrongs of our nations past.
- The novel "Indian Horse" appeared just as Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission were studying the impact of residential schools and released a report.
- This novel considers native rituals and spirituality while exploring political solutions, political violence, hockey, and engagement with racism.
- An emotive and powerful story about the effect of residential schools on a people.

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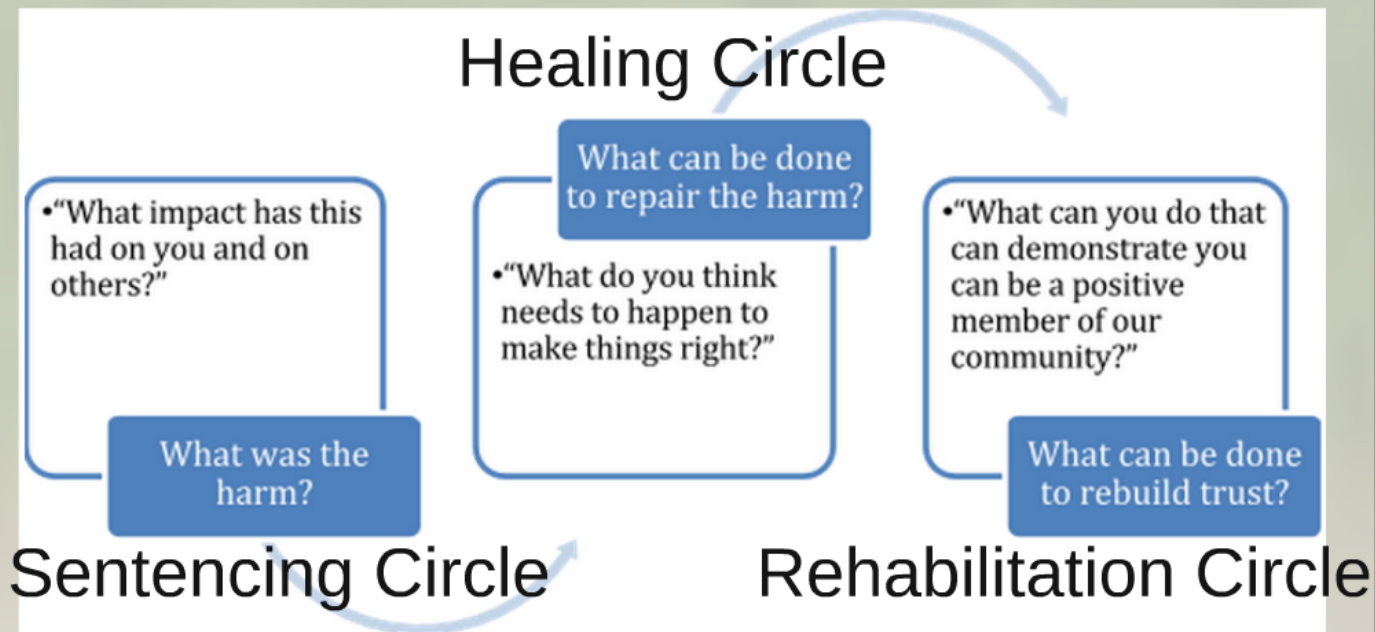
Truth and Reconciliation

- A truth commission or truth and reconciliation commission is a commission tasked with discovering and revealing past wrong doing by a government.
- The TRC is a component of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement.
- Its mandate is to inform all Canadians about what happened in Indian Residential Schools (IRS). The Commission will document the truth of survivors, families, communities and anyone personally affected by the IRS experience
- The TRC hopes to guide and inspire Aboriginal peoples and Canadians in a process of reconciliation and renewed relationships that are based on mutual understanding and respect.



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Restorative Justice



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